

# The U.S. Constitution created The Three Branches of Government



**Who**

**Legislative Branch**

**Executive Branch**

**Judicial Branch**



**Congress**

**President**

**Supreme Court**

**House of Representatives**

**Senate**

**Vice President**

**Cabinet**

**Justices**

**Powers**

**Makes the laws**

**Enforces the laws**

**Decides meaning of laws**

**Approves appointments of  
the President**

**Appoints federal judges  
and Cabinet officers**

**Declares laws  
unconstitutional**

**Overrides a veto with 2/3  
vote**

**Vetoes acts of Congress**

**Declares Executive acts  
unconstitutional**

**Impeaches a President**

**Commands the Armed  
Forces**

Comparison/Contrast Words	
Words/Phrases to indicate “same”	Words/Phrases to indicate “different”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• both</li> <li>• and so</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• but</li> <li>• however</li> </ul>

**Sample Sentences**  
**from Introductory Venn Diagram comparing Teacher and Principal**

**Alike:**

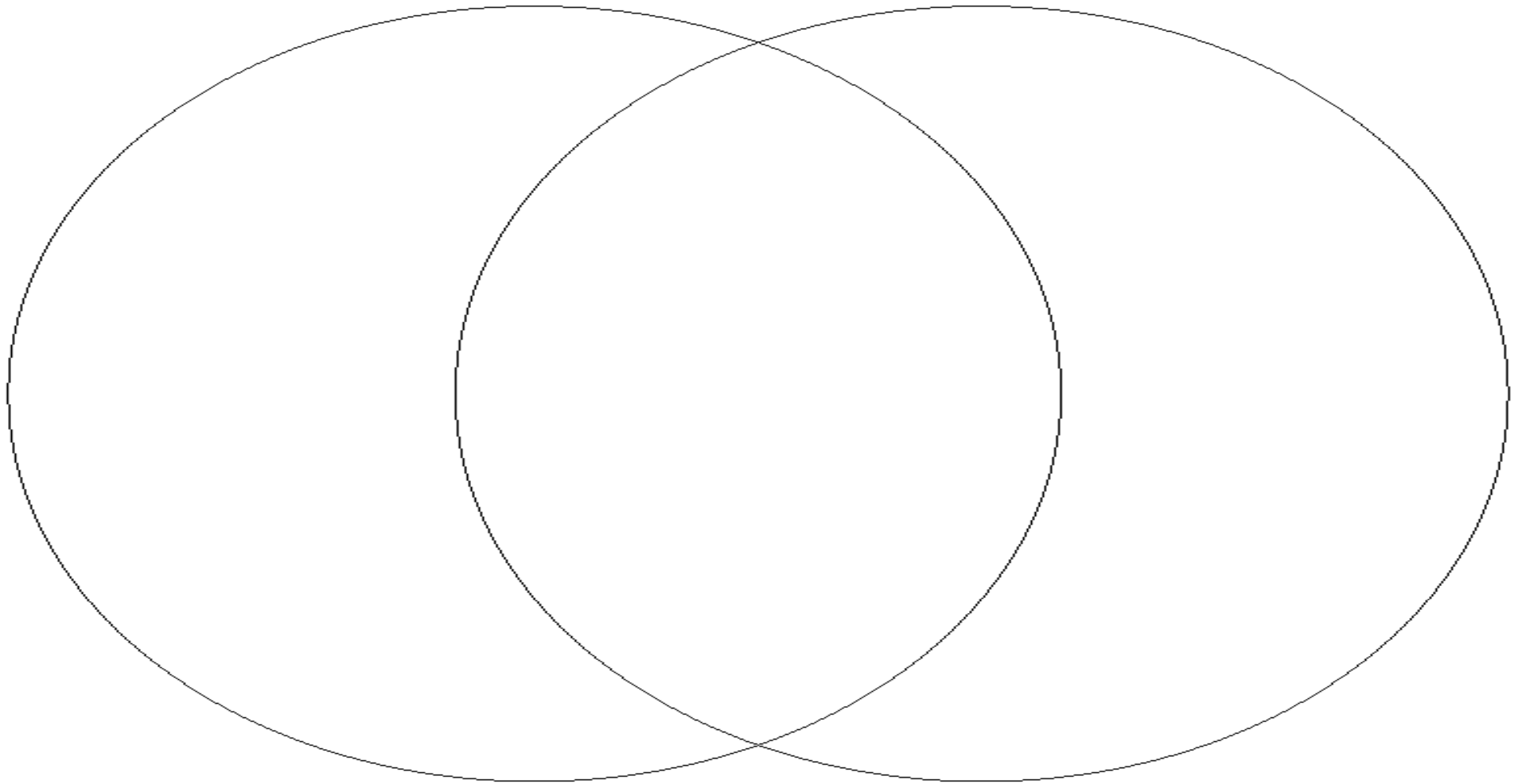
- **Both** my teacher and my principal help students.
- My teacher helps students, **and so** does my principal.

**Different:**

- My principal works in the summer, **but** my teacher takes a vacation.
- My principal works in the summer, **however** my teacher takes a vacation.

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Complete the Venn diagram showing how two branches of the government are alike and different. Use your graphic organizer for ideas.



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## Comparison/Contrast Sentences



*Use the ideas from your Venn diagram to write comparison/contrast sentences about two branches of government.*

ALIKE	
both	and so
<b>Both</b> branches work in Washington, D.C.	The Legislative branch works in Washington, D.C., <b>and so</b> does the Executive Branch.

DIFFERENT	
but	however
The President appoints Cabinet officers, <b>but</b> Congress approves the appointments.	The President appoints Cabinet officers, <b>however</b> Congress approves the appointments.